

SENATE RESOLUTION 16

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Perkins Drugs and Gift Shoppe for its astute service to the people of Gallatin and Sumner County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly salute those exemplary institutions that, through an abiding commitment to excellence, are a credit to their communities and this State; and

WHEREAS, Perkins Drugs and Gift Shoppe of Gallatin is one such extraordinary institution deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, located on the downtown square in Gallatin, Perkins Drugs was established in 1895 by pharmacist Claude Perkins; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Bolin Perkins of Hartsville purchased the company in 1926, and after his son, Tommy Perkins, completed his education at the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy and returned home from the Korean War, the two masterfully operated the store as a team, with Tommy Perkins eventually taking the helm in the 1950s; and

WHEREAS, deciding to expand the enterprise to better serve the needs of the good people of Gallatin, Tommy Perkins opened a new store on Hartsville Pike and hired Sam Rickman, a native of Trousdale County and graduate of the University of Mississippi, to run the second location; and

WHEREAS, the 1970s witnessed a time of great transition for the small company; the original downtown store closed its doors while the Hartsville location flourished, and the prudent owners decided to purchase the adjacent property and attach a charming gift shop to the building; and

WHEREAS, after providing the highest quality service for numerous years, Mr. Perkins took a much deserved retirement in 1988, and Senator Ferrell Haile, who expertly represents Sumner and Robertson Counties, joined Perkins Drugs as a full partner; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Finney, a graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, was recruited to join their stellar organization in 2005, and because of his tireless work ethic and compassionate demeanor, Mr. Finney was made a full partner in 2009; and

WHEREAS, under the skillful leadership of Senator Haile, Mr. Rickman, and Mr. Finney, Perkins Drugs continues to grow and prosper, now employing four registered pharmacists and six certified prescription technicians; and

WHEREAS, as the only independent pharmacy in the Gallatin community, Perkins Drugs is completely committed to meeting the health care needs of its customers while specializing in customer service; the pharmacy provides online prescriptions, a drive-up window, and convenient hours of operation seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, for more than a century, Perkins Drugs has stood as a bastion of personal care and attention and a beacon of pharmaceutical excellence, and is richly deserving of this Body's recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend the owners and the employees of Perkins Drugs and Gift Shoppe for 116 years of laudable and astute service to the good people of Gallatin and Sumner County, applaud their commitment to excellence, and wish these fine citizens all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.